

**Strategy and Partnerships – 2008/09 Workplan for delivery of LAA2 targets – NI 154 and NI 155**

| <b>Objectives</b>  | <b>Actions</b>  | <b>Progress report June 2008</b>  |
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| Cross-county review of sites with planning consent and lapsed planning consents and production of action plan to expedite development of such sites  | Review sites across County with planning consents<br>With RSLs review position with these sites and negotiate starts/purchases  | Work underway in SODC, templates being produced for all districts to be circulated w/b 23 June  |
| Review current joint working between housing and planning services and effectiveness of linkages with RSLs, with the objective of expediting delivery of housing and % of optimising affordable housing  | Gather baseline information on current practice<br>Identify local circumstances that necessitate differences in practice<br>Feed in outcomes of current government study<br>Identify areas where enhanced working arrangements will improve delivery<br>Produce a good practice guide<br>Each district implement<br>Monitor, review, revise | Project commencement August 2008  |
| Establish Oxfordshire house builders forum to share information, develop more effective working relations and agree protocols to expedite delivery of sites for housing, optimise affordable housing, achieve Lifetime Homes standards and sustainable homes | Establish forum<br>Identify obstacles and opportunities<br>Agree protocols and action plan to improve delivery and joint working  | Underway<br>Meeting arranged 23 June with Terry Fuller, HBF Chair of Affordable Housing Group, to agree approach and discuss means of maximising affordable housing delivery in the present financial climate |

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| Review impact of Government's sustainability criteria on housing delivery in rural districts and develop Oxfordshire criteria and guidance that does not unreasonably fetter rural housing development | Assess practices across the country and bring forward best practice examples of how village housing is sustainable for consideration under the LDF planning process. If appropriate make recommendations for Oxfordshire to each district council | Underway<br>Government guidance awaited<br>Meeting arranged with CABE on xx July to consider   |
| Review the scope for harmonising and streamlining affordable housing strategy, housing needs assessments and related planning policy across the county   | Produce overarching housing strategy for Oxfordshire<br>Assess whether a county-wide housing needs assessment is appropriate and make recommendations on this, with particular reference to the needs of the ageing population                    | Underway<br>Draft proposal being considered by OHP steering group on 20 June 2008  |
| Carry out an assessment of Development Partnerships between LAs, RSLs and house builders with particular emphasis on whether there is significant benefit in developing such a partnership             | Build reputation of Oxfordshire as market leader in collaborative partnerships<br>In partnership with RSLs, review delivery partnerships across the country, evaluate benefits for Oxfordshire and agree actions                                  | Underway<br>Savilles have completed a report into funding of housebuilding and suggested changes in approach involving equity share. To be discussed at meeting with HBF on 23 June 2008 |
| OHP to investigate and review opportunities for developing alternative affordable housing solutions and initiatives that optimise funding to increase number of affordable homes delivered             | Build collaborative partnerships<br>Build dossier of new business models and new ventures/ partnerships across the country and evaluate each for application in Oxfordshire   | Commencement July 2008   |